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REMARKS

The present Supplemental Response is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed October 1, 2004 and in correction of the preceding Supplemental Response filed July 15, 2004.

Briefly, the set of amendments appearing in the body of the Response of July 15, 2004 were presented in reply to the Office Action of June 1, 2004. The set of amendments appearing in Attachment A were merely presented to clarify the record if the amendments submitted in response to an Office Action preceding the Action of June 1, 2004 had not been entered, which appeared might be the case from the record.

The Applicant apologizes for the confusion resulting from the Response of July 15, 2004. In response to the most recent action, please enter the amendments to the claims presented herein above as the sole amendments to the claims of the present Application.

In regard to the above submitted amendments, the Applicant would again like to thank the Examiner for the telephone interview of July 14, 2004 and her suggestions for amending claims to include claim language which may further distinguish the current application from that of the references.

Specifically, and as discussed in the telephone interview of July 14, 2004, to emphasize the above noted distinctions between the presently claimed invention and the applied art, independent claim 54 of this application now recites the features of

[a] method of processing free-format data stored in a computing system, comprising the steps of examining elements of the data to determine attributes of the data, . . . to determine semantic and syntactic information (attributes) about the data, producing additional data relating to this information, in the form of a text object comprising a text node tree which includes pointer means enabling access to the elements of the text object and the free-format data, and the additional data being accessible by a query processing means to at least one

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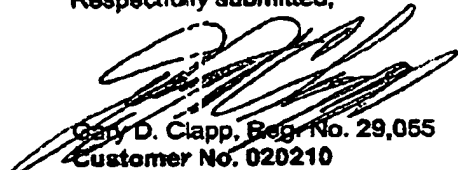
of provide answers to queries relating to the semantic and syntactic information
about the data and access the data to manipulate the data.

Similar such features are also claimed in independent claims 73, 93, and 94 and are believed
to clearly and patentably distinguish the presently claimed invention from all of the art of record,
including the applied art.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is now placed
in a condition for allowance. Action to that end, in the form of an early Notice of Allowance, is
courteously solicited by the Applicant at this time.

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Respectfully submitted,



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